

**School & Library Network
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2001**

Members Present: Phil Lindley, Gary Nichols, Joanne Steneck, Greg Scott, Barry Crommett, Bill Black, Reginald Palmer

Members Absent: Scott Thibeau, Barry McCrum

1. Approval of Minutes From February 14, 2001 Meeting. The minutes were approved with one correction. Number 6 should read, "Both the UNET and Verizon contracts have been signed and are awaiting approval from the Bureau of Purchases."
2. Update on Task Force of the Maine Learning and Technology Endowment. The LD to implement the Task Force's recommendation has been printed, LD 1712 and is pending before the Education Committee. [A hearing will be held on April 9].
3. Federal E-Rate. Edna Comstock said there is no official word yet on when awards will be made. It does appear that sufficient funds exist within the \$2.25 Billion cap to cover all applications for Telecom and Internet connections (the categories we have applied for to match with MTEAF). Sufficient funds will not exist for internal connection applications. It also does not appear that there will be any changes in Year 5 of the program; but changes are possible for Year 6 (July 2003 – June 2004).
4. Filtering. Linda Lord reported that the American Library Association and ACLU had filed suit in Federal court in Pennsylvania to challenge the constitutionality of the filtering requirements in the Children's Internet Protection Act. Two bills are pending in the Maine Legislature, LD 852 and 1556, that would require libraries and schools to restrict access to obscene or pornographic materials.
5. Transition Activities By Verizon. Art Henry reported on the activities Verizon is undertaking prior to June 30, 2001. He will report at the next meeting on sites that appear to have very low or no usage of their connection.
6. AEV Process. The Board will discuss a process for those sites desiring AEV, using MTEAF. It was agreed that such sites will need to show that they applied for Federal E-Rate, with MTEAF supplementing up to the value of the connection for which they are qualified.
7. Innovative and Technologically Advanced. It was agreed that the Board members will solicit suggestions from interested entities on how the Commission

should implement the requirements that 25% of MTEAF be spent on technological advanced and innovative services.

8. Recommendations to the Commission for July 2001 – 2002 Program Implementation. Joanne distributed a draft recommendation to the Commission on the items the Board agreed to at the last several meetings for the program beginning in July. These include: setting the assessment at .5% of intrastate revenues; providing \$100 per year, per line for up to two lines, for POTs for libraries; request the Library Commission's recommendation for what additional libraries are qualified under 35-A M.R.S.A. § 7104-B(1)(A); provide MTEAF funding for non-high school sites connected to the Internet through a high school ATM connection; continue funding for circuit riders; and direct Verizon to purchase 100 routers to replace defective FRADs. [Note the Commission adopted all recommendations and issued an order on March 28, 2001].

The next meeting will be on Thursday May 10 at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission.